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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Military Information from Barby

EVALUATION

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REMARKS

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On 8 December 1953, Barby Castle was occupied by 400 to 500 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. There was little training activity. About 60 soldiers were seen at individual drill and practice marches. The approach road along the Elbe River was blocked to traffic. The estate was evacuated. Motor vehicles and engineer equipment were no longer observed. Jeep [] was identified en route to the castle.

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Comment. Compared with the last reports, the strength of the 323d Engr Bn (US) of the Third Shock Army increased, which is probably due to the arrival of recruits. Although most of the recruits wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, it is believed that the bulk of the battalion still wore black-bordered black epaulets. [] It is assumed that the engineer equipment was removed from the yard of the estate and stored in the castle at the beginning of the winter training. According to records available, the [] series had so far not been assigned to a unit.

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